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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Fremont – Police Shut Down Major Catalytic Converter Operation

(U) The Fremont Police Department said yesterday that it shut down a recycling company buying stolen catalytic converters, putting an end to a “major pathway for criminal activity.” After a year-long investigation, the department established that the Arrow Recovery recycling company was buying stolen catalytic converters, the department said in a news release. To confirm the operation was illegal, an undercover officer sold cut catalytic converters to Arrow Recovery marked or etched with “stolen” or other markings suggesting they had been illegally obtained and the company repeatedly purchased the stolen devices.

SOURCE: 9 August 2022, [SF Gate](#)

#### (U) San Francisco – Gang Members Arrested with Firearms Cache

(U) Seven guns were seized from three San Francisco teenagers who are members of a criminal street gang, police said yesterday. The teenagers and a 20-year-old man were arrested at a home on Reuel Court last week. Police said the incident began when the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) violence reduction team arrived at the home to serve a search warrant and one suspect attempted to flee. “Officers were able to stop the suspect from fleeing, detained him, and found that the suspect was armed with a pistol. Officers detained three other suspects, all of whom were found to be in possession of firearms,” SFPD wrote.

SOURCE: 9 August 2022, [KRON San Francisco](#)

### (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

#### (U) Texas – Man Indicted for Trafficking Firearms Under New Law

(U) Laredo – A federal grand jury sitting in Laredo has charged a US citizen who resides in Mexico under the Stop Illegal Trafficking in Firearms Act for trafficking handguns into Mexico, announced US Attorney Jennifer B. Lowery. The Stop Illegal Trafficking in Firearms Act is part of the broader Safer Communities Act, passed on 25 June. Said Isaac Hernandez, 25, is the first person believed to be indicted under the new law. The charges allege that on 11 July, authorities apprehended Hernandez as he was traveling south on Interstate 35 towards the port of entry in Laredo. At the time of his arrest, they allegedly discovered 17 firearms hidden in his car. Hernandez had been the subject of an investigation related to the purchasing of a large number of firearms then transporting them to Mexico, according to the charges. Between 21 January 2020 and 11 July 2022, Hernandez allegedly purchased a total of 231 handguns in calibers of 9mm, .380, and .22.

SOURCE: 9 August 2022, [US DoJ](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) New Mexico – Suspect Arrested in the Killings of Four Muslim Men

(U) Albuquerque – Muhammad Syed, 51, was arrested Monday after a traffic stop more than 100 miles away from his home in Albuquerque. He was charged with the targeted killing of two Muslim victims

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and was identified as the prime suspect in the other two slayings, authorities announced yesterday. Police Chief Harold Medina said it was not clear yet whether the deaths should be classified as hate crimes or serial killings, or both. Syed was from Afghanistan and had lived in the United States for about five years, police said.

SOURCE: 9 August 2022, [Associated Press](#)

### **(U) Texas – Man Indicted for Hate Crimes in Korean Hair Salon Shooting**

(U) Dallas – The man accused of firing multiple rounds at a Korean hair salon in Dallas in May has been indicted yesterday on several counts, including hate crime enhancements. Jeremy Theron Smith, 37, allegedly started having delusions about Asians attacking him after he was involved in a car crash with an Asian driver two years ago, his girlfriend previously told authorities. Smith was accused of entering the Hair World Salon on 11 May and firing 13 shots with a .22-caliber rifle before fleeing. Seven people were inside Hair World Salon when the incident occurred, according to reports. Three Korean women, the salon's owner, an employee, and a customer sustained gunshot wounds. Tuesday's indictment charged Smith with seven counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Each carries a hate crime enhancement and a prison sentence ranging from five-to-99 years.

SOURCE: 10 August 2022, [Next Shark](#)

### **(U) INTERNATIONAL**

#### **(U) Burkina Faso – 15 Soldiers Killed by Roadside Bombs**

(U) Ouagadougou – At least 15 soldiers were killed in northern Burkina Faso when their vehicles hit land mines, including a rescue team that hit a second explosive device when they were rushing to help, the army said. No group has yet taken responsibility for the attack and investigations are underway, the army said. Burkina Faso is grappling with soaring jihadi violence linked to al-Qa'ida and the local affiliate of the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) that's killed thousands and displaced nearly two million people.

SOURCE: 10 August 2022, [Associated Press](#)

#### **(U) Nigeria – Authorities Arrests Men Suspected of Church Attack**

(U) Abuja – The suspected gunmen who killed dozens of worshippers during a church service in southwestern Nigeria in June have been arrested, Nigeria's top military officer said yesterday, two months after the attack which shocked many in the West African nation. The gunmen stormed the St. Francis Catholic Church in Ondo state just as the worshippers gathered on Pentecost Sunday and killed at least 40 of them, authorities said. The incident shocked many in Ondo which is one of Nigeria's most peaceful states and had been largely spared the violent attacks across the West African nation, particularly in the troubled north where Islamic extremist rebels of Boko Haram and other armed groups operate.

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